

Violations Most Frequently Noted During Hospital Pharmacy Inspections

Infraction	Comments and/or Corrective Action
Regulation Compliance: RCW 18.64.160 RCW 18.64.165	Violations identified in this category primarily relate to deficiencies related to policies and procedures. Are all policies available in writing? Are they reviewed annually? Is there documentation attesting to annual review? Do the policies reflect current practices?
Patient Medical Records: Chapter 246-875 WAC	This regulation specifies minimum requirements and procedures relating to patient medication record systems. Does the system maintain patient allergies, idiosyncrasies, and chronic conditions that may affect drug utilization? Do pharmacists use that information in conducting a drug utilization review (DUR) prior to dispensing?
Pharmacy Ancillary Staff: Chapter 246-901	Carefully evaluate the duties of all ancillary personnel. Does the pharmacy have a board approved utilization plan that reflects current practice procedures?
Completed Prescription Labels: WAC 246-869-210 WAC 246-873-080 (5) RCW 18.64.246	Do drug containers for inpatients include a label reflecting the drug name, strength, cautionary statements, and expiration date as appropriate? Do labels on medications dispensed to outpatients, emergency room, and discharge patients meet the requirements of RCW 18.64.246? Do labels affixed to parenteral and irrigation solutions indicate the name and location of the patient, name and amount of drug(s) added, dating, and initials of the personnel who prepared and checked the solution?
DEA Order Forms: WAC 246-887-020	Are DEA Order Forms 222 filled out completely, including the date drug(s) were received and the quantity of drug(s) received? A power-of-attorney form must be available if someone other than the original DEA registration applicant signs order forms.
Necessary Equipment: WAC 246-869-180	All equipment must be clean and in good repair. Although there are no requirements for specific pieces of equipment, each practice setting must possess equipment and supplies necessary for practice at the site. Does the pharmacy have a current pharmacy law book and up-to-date references sufficient for pharmacists to furnish patients and practitioners with information concerning drugs?